

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2612 Examiner: Mr. Eric Blount

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Noboru MAESONO et al.

Serial No. : 10/519,746

Filed : December 29, 2004 ) REQUEST

For : MOTOR VEHICLE ) "FINALITY"

OPERATION INFORMATION) OF OFFICE ACTION

PROVIDING SYSTEM

(as amended)

Attorney Ref. : HONJ 106NP )\_\_\_\_

February 8, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Action of January 25, 2008 has been received, and it is anticipated that a reply will be filed in due course.

The Office Action has been made "final." However, it includes a new ground of rejection of a claim whose scope was not changed in the last Amendment (claim 11). Applicant should be entitled to respond to this new ground of rejection without the constrains of a final rejection. The "finality" of the office Action is premature, and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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